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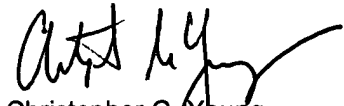
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The references cited on the 2 page IDS filed April 19, 2005 have been considered and made of record by the Examiner. Although the EP 0 054 736 reference shows the use of Oxygen containing plasmas and Oxygen free plasmas, there is no direct teaching to use both in a specific sequence, and no motivation provided to do so. In view of this, and the reasons already of record, the instant application is still in condition for allowance.

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